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To BAVIUS, *Reader of Controverſies to the moſt illuſtrious Society of* GRUB-STREET.

FRIEND,

AS, no doubt, it is thy more peculiar province, ſince thy induction into this Society, to lay before them all papers of the like kind with the following, I have the rather directed it to thee, that thou may'ſt firſt peruſe it; and then, if thou ſhalt think it worthy, (becauſe, I believe, their time is too precious to be ſpent about trifles) commit it to their hearing at the firſt opportunity; with this deſire, that I ſhould rather chuſe to have it meet my brethren at their next Annual Meeting at *London*. But it may not be amiſs if I give thee a hint of what incouraged me to ſend this ſo far to you, which was, the publication of my brother AMINADAB's Epiſtle in your 92d Journal; in which, as he ſet an example of impartiality, (in not inſiſting ſo much on his own principles, as the manifeſting, that Parſon BOWMAN's *memory* was full as *bad* as his *reaſoning*) ſo your Society ſhewed their generoſity, and unprejudiced minds, in not throwing aſide that Epiſtle, becauſe it appeared to have come from a *Quaker*. So much for your Society: now for my Title.

Conſiderations on Parſon SMITH's Preſervative againſt *Quakeriſm*: Or,

The Quakers *proved no* Deiſts, Enthuſiaſts, Hereticks, *or* Schiſmaticks (*but* True Believers *in* GOD, *in* CHRIST, *and* of HIS Church) *from ſundry of the Parſon's own pretended Quotations from* their Works.

Which I deſire leave to introduce with this Text, by way of Motto.

Surely, the ſerpent will bite without enchantment, and a babler is no better, Eccleſ. x. 11. *The words of a wiſe man's mouth are gracious: but the lips of a fool will ſwallow up himſelf*, Ver. 12. *The beginnirg of the words of his mouth are fooliſhneſs: and the end of his talk is miſchievous madneſs*, Ver. 13.

NOW it is proper to advertiſe the readers, (becauſe it is very likely that this may fall into more hands than his *Preſervative*) that the Parſon having uſed a new way of quoting from authors, (*viz.* without diſtinguiſhng their words, either by different characters, or inverted comma's) I am obliged to make uſe of a double diſtinction for quoted matter: the firſt, for what is cited out of the *Preſervative*, and which he ſeems to put for my brethren's words, in the Roman print with inverted comma's: the ſecond, for the real words out of the works of one of my brethren, not only with inverted comma's, but encloſed between Brackets. And further, that I have not here attempted a regular, formal Anſwer to his numerous abſurd Aſſertions, and falſe Charges, (becauſe that would ſwell beyond the bounds of ſeveral of ſuch Letters as are generally publiſhed in the Journal, and) for that, I hope, ſome of my brethren in *England* will find time and a readier pen to do that work, but only taken notice of ſuch paſſages hinted at by him, in the works of only one of our authors; which, however, I believe will prove ſufficient to ſhew the diſingenuouſneſs of the Man. Then, to proceed:

1. *Preſervative*, p. 4. ‘— And will not allow any ‘knowledge or faith of Chriſt's outward coming in the ‘fleſh, to be eſſential to Chriſtianity; but ſay, he that ‘believeth in the *light within*, believeth in Chriſt, and is ‘a Chriſtian, and his religion Chriſtianity.’ Againſt which, in the margin, is, R. BARCLAY's *Collect.* p. 895. whoſe words are theſe:

1. [‘Firſt then; That is falſly ſuppoſed, that the eſ‘ſence of the Chriſtian religion conſiſts in the hiſtorical ‘faith and knowledge of the birth, death, life, reſur‘ſurrection and aſcenſion of Chriſt. That faith and ‘hiſtorical knowledge is, indeed, a part of the Chriſtian ‘religion; but not ſuch an eſſential part, as that without ‘which the Chriſtian religion cannot conſiſt; but an in‘tegral part, which goes to the compleating of the Chriſti‘an religion: as the hands or feet of a man are integral ‘parts of a man, without which, nevertheleſs, a man may ‘exiſt, but not an entire and compleat man.’] And again, in the ſame page, [‘— the inward revelation or ‘illumination of God, proceeding from the divine Sun, ‘doth ſhine into the eye of the Mind, and by its in‘fluence moves the mind to aſſent unto the hiſtorical ‘truth of Chriſt's Birth, Life, *&c.* in the reading or ‘hearing the Scripture, or meditating therein.’] From which it is evident, that my friend BARCLAY is ſo far from ſaying, He that *believes* only *in the Light within is a Chriſtian*, (as, P. SMITH, has aſſerted) that he affirms, The *divine illumination*, or light within, *moves the mind to aſſent to the hiſtorical truth of Chriſt*'s coming in the Fleſh, *&c.*

2. *Preſerv.* p. 10. ‘— Who (Mankind) have not (as ‘the *Quakers* themſelves own,) the outward knowledge ‘of Chriſt, or of Chriſt's *outward* Manhood, and out‘ward Birth, and Death, and Sufferings in the Fleſh; ‘but from the Scripture, and outward teaching.’ ROBERT BARCLAY's *Coll. of his Works*, p. 895.

2. [‘Secondly, If by an immediate revelation be un‘derſtood ſuch a revelation of God, as begets in our ‘Souls an hiſtorical Faith and Knowledge of the birth ‘of Chriſt in the Fleſh, without the means of the holy ‘Scripture, we do not contend for ſuch a revelation, as ‘*commonly* given, or to be expected by us, or any ‘other Chriſtians.’] Again,

‘2. [‘Thirdly, Nevertheleſs we do firmly aſſert, that ‘God can moſt eaſily, clearly and certainly manifeſt to ‘our minds the hiſtorical Truths of Chriſt's Birth, *&c.* ‘when it ſo pleaſeth him, even without the Scripture, or ‘any other outward mean.’] With this the Parſon himſelf agrees, who ſays, at the top of p. 10.

3. ‘For tho' Chriſt the Word, is by his divine eſ‘ſence every where, in all things, and in all men, and ‘ſufficient or able in an *extraordinary way*, inwardly to ‘teach men all the eſſentials of Chriſtianity, without ‘any outward teaching; —’

Therefore, I hope, here is no *Deiſm*, *Enthuſiaſm*, *Hereſy*, or *Schiſm*. Nay, I have a good mind to drop my Pen; for the Man has in this one poſition expreſſed the ſubſtance of our Doctrine, *viz.* That *Chriſt is in all men*, (and conſequently in thoſe that have not the means of outward teaching) *teaching them the eſſentials of Chriſtianity*: For what? Why, that they might know them, and obey them; and receive Salvation for ſo doing. And, that this is an *extraordinary*, and not the *ordinary way*, by which the *hiſtorical knowledge of Chriſt in the fleſh*, (as my friend BARCLAY phraſes it) or of his *outward manhood*, &c. (as P. SMITH terms it) *is commonly manifeſted to us*, they both ſeem to agree in: Then what foundation was there for the Parſon's vile imputation on us?

4. *Preſerv.* p. 14. ‘*Queſt.* Does not the Apoſtle to ‘the *Coloſſians* ſay, That the *Goſpel was preached then ‘to every creature under heaven?* or, as ſome ſay the ‘word may be rendered, *in every creature?* And how ‘could this be, if every individual man had it not in‘wardly preached to him by the *light within* him? *Col.* ‘i. 23.’ *R. B*'s Apol. p. 132, 133.

[‘Thirdly, That God, in and by this light and ſeed, ‘*(or pirit)* invites, calls, exhorts, and ſtrives with every ‘man, in order to ſave him; which, as it is received, ‘and not reſiſted, works the ſalvation of all, even of ‘thoſe who are ignorant of the death and ſufferings of ‘Chriſt, and of *Adam*'s fall, both by bringing them to a ‘ſenſe of their own miſery, and to be ſharers in the ſuf‘ferings of Chriſt inwardly, and by making them partakers ‘of his reſurrection, in becoming holy, pure and righte‘ous, and recovered out of their ſins. By which alſo are ‘ſaved they that have the knowledge of Chriſt outwardly, ‘in that it opens their underſtanding, rightly to uſe and ‘apply the things delivered in the Scripture, and to re‘ceive the ſaving uſe of them.’] To which I will here add another:

4 [‘Sect. XXIII. Thirdly, This ſaving ſpiritual light ‘is the Goſpel, which the Apoſtle ſaith expreſly, is ‘*preached in every creature under Heaven*; even that very ‘goſpel, whereof PAUL *was made a Miniſter*, Col i 23. ‘For the goſpel is not a meer declaration of good things, ‘being *the power of God unto ſalvation, to all thoſe ‘that believe*, Rom. i. 16. Though the outward de‘claration of the goſpel be taken ſometimes for the goſ‘pel, yet it is but figuratively, and by a metonymy: ‘For to ſpeak properly, the goſpel is this inward power ‘and life, which preacheth glad tidings in the hearts of ‘all men, offering ſalvation unto them, and ſeeking to ‘redeem them from their iniquities; and therefore it ‘is ſaid to be *preached in every creature under heaven*; ‘whereas there are many thouſands of men and wo‘men, to whom the outward goſpel was never preach‘ed.’] Page 167, 168.

Now, if Parſon SMITH has gain-ſaid any of this, he muſt have contradicted his own poſition, in p. 10. before quoted, Parag. 3. For what is the *goſpel*, but the *eſſentials of Chriſtianity?* (as he terms it.) To whom taught? To men; (as he ſays.) How? Inwardly; (as he owns.) And, inaſmuch as, in this quotation from my friend BARCLAY, not only this inward goſpel (or *Chriſt the power of God*, 1 Cor. i. 24.) is inſiſted on; and the outward declaration (or glad tidings of *His* being come as a Saviour) is acknowledged; and both according to Scripture, ſurely there can be no *Deiſm*, *Enthuſiaſm*, *Hereſy*, or *Schiſm* truly charged on us, the People called *Quakers*, for believing accordingly.

5. *Preſerv.* p. 18, 19. ‘*Queſt.* What will be the con‘ſequence of ſaying, That the *light within* every man ‘coming into the world, is ſufficient to teach him all the ‘eſſentials of Chriſtianity, without the Scripture, or any ‘outward teaching; *(ſee the top of his 10th page men‘tioned before)* and yet, that it does not teach them ‘any thing of Chriſt's outward birth, and death, and ‘ſufferings in the fleſh, and the other hiſtorical truths ‘and matter of fact concerning him, recorded in the ‘ſcriptures, without the ſcripture, and outward teach‘ing?’ Who has aſſerted this? Why Parſon SMITH himſelf: for R. BARCLAY (in the very page mentioned by him, 895th of his *Coll.* and the firſt line of the following) has declared the direct contrary; as may be ſeen in the latter part of the ſecond quotation before cited; ſo that if there is any *Deiſm*, &c. here, it is of the Parſon's own making.

6. *Preſerv.* p. 19. ‘*Queſt.* Do not they ſay, that ‘the *light within* does not teach them any thing of ‘Chriſt's outward birth and ſuffering in the fleſh, (‘*contrary to this has been ſhewn already.*) yet ‘them many other *evangelical* truths without ture.’ *R. B*'s *Coll.* p. 895. See his own words.

6. [‘For albeit many other evangelical Truths ‘niſeſted to us by the immediate manifeſtation of G‘not uſing the Scriptures as the means; yet the hiſto‘cal knowledge of Chriſt is not *commonly* manifeſted to ‘us, nor to any others, but by the holy Scripture, as ‘the means, and that by way of a material Object.’] Again,

7. *Preſerv.* ib. ‘*Anſ.* Yes: they ſay ſo, and that is all, ‘without having ever given us any proof that the *light ‘within* teaches them any of the peculiar truths of the ‘goſpel without the Scripture.’ Pray obſerve,

7. [‘But firſt thou may'ſt mind, that the Prophets, who ‘fortold Chriſt's coming in the fleſh, and being to be ‘born of a virgin, and afterwards to ſuffer death, did ‘know theſe truths of fact by the inward Inſpiration ‘of God without outward means: for which, ſee 1 *Pet.* ‘i. 10, 11. Now that which hath been, may be.’] BARCLAY, ib. p. 896.

I apprehend every one will readily conclude, what a man this Parſon is; and, that they, who believe this doctrine of *R B*'s, are not *Deiſts*, *Enthuſiaſts*, *Hereticks*, or *Schiſmaticks*.

8. *Preſerv.* p. 20. ‘*Queſt.* Is not the *goſpel*, ſpeaking ‘properly, the inward power and life of the *light within*, ‘which preacheth glad tidings in the hearts of men; ‘and not the outward declaration of the doctrine of Chriſt ‘in the Scripture, which is ſometimes called the goſpel, ‘but only figuratively? *R B*'s *Apol.* p. 167, 168.

For the true ſenſe of this Queſtion, *R. B*'s own words before cited, Parag. 4. Sect. XXIII. and what follows in Parag. 9. quoted from him.

9. *Preſerv.* p. 21. ‘*Queſt.* Is not *the word that was ‘nigh to the Romans, in their mouth, and in their ‘heart*, and which the Apoſtle directed them to, the ‘inward powerful word or goſpel, preached inwardly ‘in the hearts of all, by the *light within*, Rom. x. 8?’ *R. B*'s *Ap.* p. 170.

9 [‘But the Apoſtle Paul opens and illuſtrates this ‘matter yet more, *Rom.* x. where he declares, *That the ‘word, which he preached*, (now the *word* which he ‘preached, and the *goſpel* which he preached, and where‘of he was a Miniſter, is one and the ſame) *is not far off, ‘but nigh, in the heart, and in the mouth*; which done, ‘he frameth as it were the objection of our adverſaries, in

the 14th and 15th verſes, *How ſhall they believe in him, of whom they have not heard? And how ſhall they hear without a Preacher?* This he anſwers in the 18th verſe, ſaying; *But (I ſay) have they not heard? Yes, verily, their ſound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world*; inſinuating, that this divine preacher hath ſounded in the ears and hearts of *all men*; for of the *outward Apoſtles*, that ſaying was not true, neither then, nor many hundred years after; yea, for ought we know, there may be yet great and ſpacious nations and kingdoms, that never have heard of *Chriſt* nor his *Apoſtles*, as outwardly.']

If I had ſtood at P. SMITH's elbow, when he dictated theſe Queſtions, I would have adviſed him to have phraſed one of them thus:

Is not the *Light within*, the powerful *Light within*, preached by the *Light within?*

Which he might as well have done, as to have pretended, that he had given either the words or ſenſe of our authors: for then he would have had his darling words (*the Light within*) of ridicule, as he ſeems to uſe them, lugg'd in oftner, in order to have embelliſhed his ſtyle more.

10. *Preſerv.* p. 23. '*Queſt.* Is it not enough that the '*Quakers* own, they are bound to believe the hiſtorical truths, 'and matters of fact concerning Chriſt's outward birth, 'and death, and reſurrection recorded in the Scripture, 'when they are made known to them, by the Scriptures?' (R. B's Apol. p. 275.) '*Anſ.* No, It is not enough, but 'they muſt own them as *eſſential* truths of Chriſtianity; 'tho' they are not made known to them by the *Light within*, but by the Scripture.' So far for *Patrick*, now for *Robert*:

10. [To be a *Member* of a particular *Church of Chriſt*, 'as this inward work is indiſpenſibly neceſſary, ſo is alſo 'the *outward profeſſion* of, and *belief in Jeſus Chriſt*, 'and thoſe *holy truths* delivered by his Spirit in the Scriptures; ſeeing the teſtimony of the Spirit recorded in the 'Scriptures, doth anſwer the teſtimony of the ſame Spirit 'in the heart, even *as face anſwereth face in a glaſs*. 'Hence it follows, that the inward work of holineſs, and 'forſaking iniquity, is neceſſary in every reſpect to the 'being a member in the *Church of Chriſt*; and that the '*outward profeſſion* is neceſſary to be a member of a particular gathered *Church*, but not to the being a member of the *Catholick Church*; yet it is abſolutely neceſſary, where God affords the opportunity of knowing it: 'and the *outward teſtimony* is to be believed, where it is preſented and revealed; the ſum whereof hath, upon other 'occaſions, been already proved.']

Having, in the compaſs of only theſe *ten* quotations, had matter enough to make evident, to them who have eyes to ſee, and ſenſe to underſtand, the aſſertion in my title, *viz.* That we (the *Quakers*) are *Believers in God, in Chriſt, and of his Church*, and ſo conſequently not *Deiſts, Enthuſiaſts, Hereticks*, or *Schiſmaticks*, as PATRICK SMITH, Vicar of *Great Paxton* in *Huntingtonſhire*, has falſly and maliciouſly endeavoured to prove: therefore now, BAVIUS, I ſhall conclude, greeting thee in love, and bid thee farewel, who am

Thy ſincere Friend,

OBADIAH.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Courant.*
P. *Poſt-Boy.*
D P. *Daily Poſt.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
E P. *Evening Poſt.*
S J. *S. James's Evening Poſt.*
W E. *Whitehall Evening P.*
L E. *London Evening Poſt.*

Hyp-Oratorical Puffs and Advertiſements in the month of May.

Hyp Advertiſements 6. Oratorical Ditto 5. In all, 11.
—— Hyp. Puffs 5. Oratorical 3. In all, 8.
—— Decreaſed in the Advertiſements this month, 7.
—— Decreaſed in the Puffs, 3.

THURSDAY, *May* 25.

A ſtatue of his Royal Highneſs the Duke on horſeback, done by a ſkilful Artiſt, is placed at Major Foubert's in King-ſtreet near Golden-ſquare, to be there view'd by his Majeſty. *D P.*

Cardiganſhire, May 15. In the Pariſh of Kilkening, one Edwards, a Sadler, coming home about 12 or 1 a clock in the morning drunk, made his maid get out of bed, and carry his horſe into the field; and he went after her, and in the morning ſhe was found dead in the field. The Jury brought him in guilty of *Wilful murder*, and he was committed to our jail; he ſays the horſe kicked her on the head. *P.* —— *Glouceſter, May* 20. On tueſday one Farmer Townſhend and his ſervant coming through a clover ground belonging to a Butcher, accidentally broke the gate, which ſo enraged the owner, that he went after them, and (notwithſtanding all they could ſay to pacify him) fell violently on the ſervant, and broke his ſcull, ſo that he died in a few hours: the Coroner's inqueſt brought in their verdict Wilful murder. *D P.*

This morning Col. Coſby, his Lady and 2 daughters, embark'd in the River for New York. *L E.*

On thurſday ſe'nnight Mrs. Wyvill, ſiſter of Sir Marmaduke Wyvill of Conſtable-Burton in Yorkſhire, Bar. was marry'd to the Rev. Mr. Gee, who has a living of 500 l. per ann. in that County. *D P.* —— Sir Marmaduke's daughter. *P.*

Bath, May 18. Yeſterday dy'd here Sir Hen. Aſhurſt of Water-ſtoke in Oxfordſhire, Bar. *D P.*

This day a Pad belonging to the Earl of Tilney being frighten'd at the flirting of a Coachman's whip, ran away with the rider, and in her career fell; bruiſed the groom, broke her own neck, and dy'd on the ſpot: the mare was valued at 100 guineas. *D P.* —— *The death of ſo celebrated a* Mare *makes almoſt as good a paragraph in a News-Paper, as that of ſome celebrated* Lady.

FRIDAY, *May* 26.

On ſaturday a full length picture of his preſent Majeſty, painted by Mr. Lucy of S. Martin's-lane, was ſhipp'd off for Edinburgh, to be ſet up in the Town-Council Chamber of that City. *D P.*

Yeſterday the R. Hon. the L. Wilmington, Lord Preſident of his Majeſty's Privy Council, was elected a Governor of the Charter-houſe. *C. D P.*

We hear that the Earl of Sunderland preſented his Bride with a diamond necklace of 3000 l. value, the day of her Marriage. *D P.*

On wedneſday was heard at Doctor's Commons, a cauſe between Rich. and Char. Devon. The Queſtion was, Whether a teſtamentary Schedule wrote with the deceaſed's own hand could, with circumſtances attending it, deſtroy a Will executed in the preſence of 3 witneſſes. The ſame was learnedly argued; and Dr. Betteſworth gave ſentence for the validity of the Will, which was upwards of 10,000 l. *P.*

The latter end of laſt week died the Rev. Mr. John Laurence, Rector of Biſhop's-Weremouth in the Biſhoprick of Durham, and Prebendary of Sarum. He was remarkable for his extraordinary writings on *Chriſtian Morals*, and the *Art of Gardening*. His living was near 500 l. per ann. and is in the gift of the L. Biſhop of Durham. *C. D P.* —— Yeſterday died Mr. Edw. Goſlin ſenior, Carver to the R. Hon. the L. Mayor. *P.* ſenior Carver to the R. Hon. the L. Mayor. *D P.* —— *Obſerve how* different *the ſenſe is made, only by the* different *place of a ſingle* comma! *And yet ſome Learned Members of our Society are ridiculed by the illiterate for their exactneſs in theſe niceties.*

Yeſterday morning a Glover at Stratford in Eſſex ſtabb'd his Apprentice with a knife in the breaſt, ſo that he died on the ſpot: the boy was his own brother's ſon. *D P.*

Chriſtened Males 168. Females 155. In all 323. *Buried* Males 192. Females 192. In all 384. Decreaſed in the Burials this week 7. *P.*

SATURDAY, *May* 27.

Yeſterday the Letter from Sig. John Angelo Belloni at Rome directed to the Committee to whom the Petition of the Proprietors of the Charitable Corporation, &c. is referred; or if they did not ſubſiſt, to Sir Rob. Sutton, Sir John Shadwell, Dr. John Mowbray, or any of them, was burnt by the hands of the Common Hangman, at the Royal Exchange, the Sheriffs of London and Middleſex being preſent. *D P.* The Letter &c. *P.* —— The infamous Libel contained in a letter from Signior Angelo Belloni, the Pretender's Banker at Rome, &c. amidſt a great croud of ſpectators, who ſignified their ſatisfaction by repeated Huzza's; and it was no ſmall pleaſure to honeſt men to hear the 12 bells at S. Michael's ring at the ſame time. *C.* A moſt audacious Libel. *D J.* —— *A Member, who had been bit by* the Charitable Corporation, *obſerved, that tho' the taking notice of the* bells *with ſo much* ſatisfaction *might be a token of the* honeſty *of theſe* honeſt men, *it was none of their* wit: *for*, As the bell clinketh, &c.

Yeſterday morning Mrs. Man, wife to Mr. John Man, a Surgeon, in Wych-ſtreet, S. Clements-Danes, having been ill of a fever, and as is ſuppoſed delirious, being in bed with her huſband, found an opportunity when he was aſleep, to take a Lancet out of his pocket, and therewith ſtabb'd herſelf in the throat, ſo that ſhe died a few hours after. *D P.*

Extract of a Letter in the Daily Journal. —— The following paragraph is extracted from a little book, with a very *unfaſhionable* title for the times, viz. *The Practice of Piety*, which ſo little a while ago, as when the preſent generation was in hanging ſleeves, who now, with great ſelf ſufficiency, ſtalk about in their Fool's coat, and an honeſter and more religious ſet of people, tho' *leſs illuminated*, were *in eſſe*, was in ſo great vogue, that there was hardly a family in the Kingdom without it, as the more than forty large impreſſions, it had run thro', teſtify. 'Tis true, it is written in the exploded ſtrain of Judgments; but perhaps ſome of your Readers will forgive the *Bigotry* of the writer, for the ſake of the *honeſt intention*, who, having lived an *age ago*, believed one part of the world might be warn'd and amended by the misfortunes of the other.—'Tiverton in Devonſhire (whoſe remembrance makes my 'heart bleed) was oftentimes admoniſhed by her godly 'Preacher, that God would bring ſome heavy judgment 'on the Town, for their horrible profanation of the Lord's 'day, occaſion'd chiefly by their market on the day following. 'Not long after his death, on the 3d of April 1598, God (in 'leſs than half an hour) conſum'd with a ſudden and fearful fire the whole Town, except only the Church, the 'Court-houſe, and the Alms-houſes, or a few poor peoples 'dwellings, where a man might have ſeen 400 dwelling houſes all at once on fire, and above 50 perſons conſum'd with the flame. And again, on the 5th of Auguſt '1612 (14 years ſince the former fire) the whole Town 'was again fir'd and conſum'd, except ſome 30 houſes 'of poor people, with the School-houſe and Alms-houſes. *Practice of Piety*, 8vo. p. 247.'

—— Payne, of the Inner Temple, Eſq; is appointed one of his Majeſty's Council in the Dutchy Court of Lancaſter, in the room of John Finch, Eſq; who hath reſign'd. *S J.*

On monday died Miſs Orme, in New Bond ſtreet, daughter to an eminent Merchant in Dublin, and a fortune of 10,000 l. *S J.* —— *There come, it ſeems,* Fortunes, *as well as* Fortune-hunters, *from* Ireland.

N.B. The Defence of the Oratory, which has been ſome time publiſhed, and is directly applicable to the Controverſies now on foot, is to be had there, with the other books, but 210 being left of ſeveral thouſands which were printed. *Fog's Journal.* —— *The tacking theſe* Defences *to the* Lectures concerning Miſs Cadieres raptures, *and putting them off upon the buyer as new pieces, has ſucceeded wonderfully, according to this account: we may therefore ſoon expect a* fourth-firſt Edition.

On thurſday died at the India Warehouſe, Mr. John Gilbert, Auctioneer and Warehouſe-keeper to the Eaſt-India Company, and father of the preſent worthy Dean of Exeter. *S J. W E. L E.*

Laſt night Edm. Cheeſeborough, who was yeſterday capitally convicted, hang'd himſelf in his cell, with the packthread which ty'd up his irons. *S J.*

MONDAY, *May* 29.

Yeſterday the R. Rev. the L. Biſhop of Litchfield and Coventry preach'd before their Majeſties, his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales, &c. *C. D P.* —— And the Rev. Dr. Franks before his Royal Highneſs the Duke, &c. —— It being the anniverſary of the birth of his late Majeſty King George the firſt, of glorious memory, the ſame was obſerved throughout the Cities of London and Weſtminſter, by ringing of bells, and all other demonſtrations of joy. *C.*

Yeſterday morning, Mr. Will. Peſtel, one of the Fellows of S. John's College, Oxford, and ſon to Mr. Tho. Peſtel, an eminent Jeweller, was found dead in his bed, at his father's houſe in Coleman ſtreet, having voided a large quantity of blood. *C. D P.*

TUESDAY, *May* 30.

Yeſterday being the Anniverſary of the Reſtoration of King Charles II. the ſame was obſerved throughout the cities of London and Weſtminſter with the uſual rejoicings, as ringing of bells, firing the great guns at the Park and at the Tower, and the evening concluded with bonfires and other illuminations. —The Rev. Dr. George, preached before the honourable Houſe of Commons, at St. Margaret Weſtminſter: and the Rev. Dr. Simpſon before the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, &c. at St. Paul's. *C. P. D P.*

We hear that Sir George Cooke, Knt. has ſurrender'd the Office of chief Prothonotary of the court of Common Pleas to his ſon, George Cooke of the Inner Temple, Eſq; and that Richard Thompſon, Eſq; one of the Secondaries of that Court, has purchas'd the Office of ſecond Prothonotary of — Warner, Eſq; who lately ſucceeded Richard Foley, Eſq; deceaſed. *D P.* ——Mr. Higgs, Clerk of the Indictments at Hicks's-Hall, ſucceeds Mr. John Rolfe as Deputy-Clerk of the Peace for the city and liberty of Weſtminſter, lately deceaſed. *P.*

Yeſterday the Seſſions ended at the Old-Baily, when the nine following perſons receiv'd ſentence of death, *viz.* John Osborn, Edward Paul, alias Spaw, [alias Shaw, *D J.*] and Michael Shaw for Street-Robberies; Robert Robinſon, John Wakeling, and John Dunſtan, for Burglary; Henry Barns, William Woolcott, and John Longman, [Longmore, *D J. C.*] for the Highway. Three were burnt in the hand, and twenty-ſeven order'd for tranſportation. *D P.*

On ſaturday morning George Chamberlayne, Eſq; Member of Parliament for Buckingham, was married at St. James's Church to Miſs Hardey, a daughter of Sir Thomas Hardey, a beautiful young Lady, with a Fortune of 10,000 l. *D P.*

This day being the birth day of her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs Amelia, 2d daughter to their Majeſties, when ſhe enter'd into the 22d year of her age; and alſo of her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs Carolina, third daughter to

their Majeſties, when ſhe enter'd into the 19th year of her age; there was a great appearance of Nobility, and their Royal Highneſſes received the Compliments uſual on ſuch occaſions. *SJ. WE.*

On Saturday died Mr. Argus of St. Margaret's Weſtminſter, near 90 years of age; he was Church warden when great Tom, was told, which is now at St. Paul's. *J.*

There is a Puff Letter, in commendation of the Wit, Learning, and Style of the *Hyp-Doctor*, which ſeems to be publiſhed 2 days too ſoon, ſpeaking of the *Hyp-Doctor* of *May* 30, as paſt. *The contradiction of expecting, &c.* ſhews it to be the Doctor's own compoſition, and that he is ------VERUS.

O Doctor, *leave off fruitleſs puffing. Why*
In VERUS *name wilt thou preſume to lye?*

WEDNESDAY, *May* 31.

Yeſterday his Majeſty was pleaſed to make the following promotions in the Army, viz. Major General Honeywood to be Commander of the Regiment of Dragoons, lately the L. Carpenter's. The L. Mark Kerr to ſucceed Honeywood. ——Col. John Middleton to ſucceed L. Kerr. ——And the E. of Rothes to ſucceed Col. Middleton. *DP.* ——To morrow his Majeſty will go to the houſe of Peers, and put an end to the preſent Seſſion of Parliament. And it is thought his Majeſty will embark for Holland, in his way to Hanover, on Saturday next. *DJ. P.* —— Gen. Deimer will attend his Majeſty. *C.* We hear that his Majeſty deſigns to return the latter end of Auguſt. *DP.*

Yeſterday John Trevor, Eſq; ſon of the L. Trevor, was married to Miſs Steele, only daughter of the late Sir Rich. Steele, Knt. a young Lady of fine Accompliſhments, and a good fortune. *C. DP.*

On Sunday next the new Chappel in Spring gardens will be opened by the Rev. Dr. Pearce of S. Martin's; the Rev. Mr. Lamplugh being appointed morning Preacher, and the Rev. Mr. Freeman in the Afternoon. *C. P.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

SIR,

YOU are deſired to publiſh the following lines in the next *Grub-ſtreet Journal*, which were written about two months after that Paper was firſt publiſhed. By ſo doing you will ſave a woman's longing; you will prevent their being printed in any other Paper; you will ſhew your own impartiality, and regard to truth, more than intereſt; and you will very much oblige a great number of Ladies, who are real admirers of the unparallel'd ſtupidity of that *Journal*, and in particular, your humble ſervant,

CLAUDIA RUFINA.

To the ingenious Author of the *Grub-ſtreet Journal.*

At firſt, your *Journal*, to elude the ſhame
It fear'd, by owning its true parents name,
Stole that of matchleſs POPE, to give it fame.
But ſoon the cheat appear'd; for now we ſee,
'Tis *Grub-ſtreet* all, without an irony:
Its future merit you yourſelf knew beſt,
So nam'd it *Grub*, and ſpoke the truth in jeſt.

This being read, Mr. POPPY declared, that in his opinion a particular regard ought to be paid to a fair Lady, eſpecially in the condition here mentioned, and ſomething done effectually to *ſave* her *longing*. ——To which Mr. DACTYL anſwered, that he queſtioned very much both the fairneſs of the Lady, and the reality of longing. For as to the firſt, he could not ſuppoſe, that when ſhe was charging others with *ſtealing* a falſe *name*, ſhe would ſubſcribe a falſe one herſelf: and if ſhe had ſubſcribed her true name, ſhe was certainly both lame and red-hair'd. And as to the ſecond, he could not believe, that any Lady, either fair or foul, big with a poetical tympany, could contain herſelf for two years and two months together, in a longing condition. ——Mr. SPONDEE ſubjoined, that he believed there was good proof of the truth of what Mr. DACTYL had ſuggeſted. That as long ago as the laſt Autumnal Equinox, a little Brat appeared in the world with a Label in its mouth *Cinna vult videri pauper, & eſt pauper:* and the following verſes on its breaſt,

Cinna affects to wear a Beggars cloaths;
And is the very beggar that he ſhows:
So *Grub-ſtreet Journaliſts* are found in fact
To be the Dunces they'd be thought to act.

This little creature was at firſt owned by the *Regiſter* of *Grub-ſtreet*, who being not able to ſupport him, it is probable this Lady picked him up, and charitably cloathed him him in her own livery.—To this Mr. MÆVIUS added, that the Lady might be very charitable, but ſhe ſeemed to be honeſter than ſome concerned in the Charitable Corporation. For ſhe had charged the Society with a thing which was abſolutely falſe, viz. the *ſtealing* Mr. POPE's *name*, to make their *Journal* ſell. But the time ſhe had fixed upon for the diſcovery of the cheat, *two months after it was firſt publiſhed*, was very much to our advantage. For from that very time, notwithſtanding the tricks of ſome Bookſellers, Printers, and Hawkers, it has riſen gradually 'till this; when five times the number are ſold which were then. This is certainly owing to the *unparallel'd ſtupidity* of it, *of* which this Lady and *a great number* of her Sex *are real admirers.* It is this which gives it ſuch a preeminence, while *parallel'd*, vulgar *ſtupidity*, ſuch as that of ——no body will buy; no body will read, but thoſe who are payed for doing it. Our Motto is *Creſcit ſub pondere virtus.*

Dublin, May, 23. We hear from Birr, *alias* Parſon's Town, in the King's County, that they have near that place ſuch quantities of locuſts, that there is ſcarce any riding in the evening, and they deſtroy all greens, except aſh, which they do not touch. *P* 30.

Edinburgh, May 18. The General Aſſembly roſe laſt tueſday, and appointed the next Aſſembly to meet the firſt thurſday of May, 1733. —— This week died Barnaby Barrow, Eſq; General Comptroller of the exciſe in Scotland, a place reckoned worth 400 l. a year. *C. DP.*

Edinburgh, May 23. Friday laſt died Mrs. Miller, a Quaker, famous for her induſtry and improvements in home manufacturies. It is ſaid ſhe employed 6 or 700 poor people at ſpinning, &c. which makes her death much regretted. She was yeſterday interred in the Quakers burying place; where friend Ereskine gave the word of exhortation to a very numerous auditory. *DJ* 30.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *May* 25.

Bologna, May 3. Yeſterday in the afternoon the famous Laura Baſſi, being accompanied with the chief Ladies of this City, went to the College of Philoſophers, where ſhe was very ſtrictly examin'd in ſeveral points of Philoſophy, to which ſhe anſwer'd with ſuch uncommon learning, that ſhe won univerſal applauſe. She was thence conducted by our L. Chief Juſtice and Senators, &c. to the Palace; where ſhe was promoted to the degree of Doctor of Philoſophy with the uſual formalities, in the preſence of the Cardinal Legate, the Cardinal Archbiſhop, &c. *SJ. LE.*

Paris, May 31. On the 29th, the Abbot Teraſſon, of the Royal Academy of Sciences, was received in the French Academy, &c. *C. P.* Author of *The Life of Sethos. WE.* —— On the 26th, the Parliament received Letters Patents from the King, enjoining them to go upon the publick buſineſs; and on the 27th the chambers met and agreed to regiſter the Letters Patents; and afterwards they began to plead as uſual. *C. P. DP.*

FRIDAY, *May* 26.

Legborn, May 10. By a tartane from Marſeilles, we have advice, that they had receiv'd orders from the Court of France to fit out in all haſt 6 galleys and 6 galleots, to be ſent to Toulon, to join 6 men of war that are equipping in that port, where it is ſaid 12 more men of war are expected from Breſt. *C.*

Hague, May 30. Private letters from Berlin inſinuate, that the Prince Royal's marriage with the Princeſs of Beveren is put off till May, 1733; that is to ſay, 'till *Latter Lammas.* —— That their Britannick and Pruſſian Majeſties will have an interview with the Emperor at Carelsbad, where thoſe 2 Princes will not only be reconci'd, &c. *P.* *Hamburgh, May* 23. Letters from Berlin of the 20th mention, as if the accommodation between Great Britain and that Court it not ſo far advanc'd as was imagin'd. *D. P.*

SATURDAY, *May* 27.

Hamburgh, May 23. We learn from Berlin, of the 20th, that negotiations are on foot for an accommodation between that Court and that of London. *DJ.*

Madrid, May 13. 'Tis aſſur'd from the Camp before Gibraltar, that the works will infallibly be compleated and mounted with Artillery before the end of this month. *DP.*

Extract of a letter from Paris. There is no wine to expected from Boſne, Mulſau, Volnay, Pornard, Diffeneau, and other adjacent places, there remaining little leſs than rocks, occaſioned by a moſt terrible hurricane, which ſwept away moſt of the earth, with the roots of the Vines; and alſo the Cattle which were feeding thereabouts, and likewiſe threw down ſeveral Houſes. *SJ.*

MONDAY, *May* 29.

On Saturday arrived the Mail from Holland, *yeſterday one from* France, *and another from* Flanders.

Liſbon, Ap. 22. The King has publiſh'd an edict, ſetting forth, That his Majeſty having been informed, that the great number of young women brought into this Kingdom from Brazil, under the pretence of going into Nunneries, is one of the chief cauſes why that Country is not ſo well peopled as it might be; and having heard that many, who might be married, are brought hither againſt their wills, and forced into Convents, where they lead a melancholy life; his Majeſty has thought fit to forbid any women or maidens being brought over hither, until his Majeſty has given conſent thereto. *C.*

TUESDAY, *May* 30.

Rome, May, 17. On tueſday morning the Chevalier de S. George took leave of his Holineſs, deſigning to go and paſs the ſummer at Albano: we underſtand his Conſort has lately received from Prince James Sobieski (her Father) in Poland, ſeveral jewels of great price, together with a ſabre, the hilt whereof is ſet with a ruby and large diamonds, for the Chevalier her Husband; alſo a large topaz for her eldeſt ſon, and a bandelier covered with diamonds for the youngeſt: all which rarities King John took from the Turks, when he beat them, and made them raiſe the ſiege of Vienna. *P.*

Venice, May, 24. We have received advice from Jannina, that another conſpiracy having been diſcovered at Conſtantinople, for depoſing the Grand Seignior, and reſtoring the old Sultan Achmet, the ſame had coſt abundance of people their lives. ——*Paris, May*, 30. Our laſt letters from Conſtantinople, by the way of Marſeilles, confirm the depoſition of the Prime Vizir Otman Baſhan. *P.*

WEDNESDAY, *May* 30.

Legborn, May, 17. Our laſt advices from Corſica confirm, that the Malecontents of that Iſland had accepted the general pardon offered them by the Prince of Wirtemberg, in the name, and under the Guaranty of the Emperor. *C.*

Hague, May, 9 Notwithſtanding all the menaces and motions of our Merchants to deter the Swediſh Eaſt-India-Company from accepting of the King of Sweden's Charter, that Company will be eſtabliſhed, and poſſibly the Offenders will jumble in with them, the King of Portugal having offered them the ule of the City Goa, with liberty to build what warehouſes they pleaſe there, for the entire ſecurity of the commerce. *P.*

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On *eſt un grand menteur.* French Proverb.

THE Letter of Signor BELLONI, Banker at Rome, being at preſent the chief ſubject of converſation, the world is, no doubt, in expectation to hear ſomething from our Society upon this extraordinary occaſion. To ſatisfy which, I was ordered to draw up the ſubſtance of what paſt in our laſt meeting upon the reading *The Hyp-Doctor* of tueſday, and *The Courant* and *The Free Briton* of thurſday laſt; in which this wonderful *Phænomenon* has been treated with great variety of learning, argument, wit, and language. — The Society was much ſurprized at the ſecond of thoſe *Papers*, in which the Author pretending to have *obtained a true copy of a Declaration or Letter lately tranſmitted hither from Rome*, gives us a Paper ſigned BELLONI, in which there is not one ſentence the ſame with any contained in BELLONI's Letter printed in the *Free Briton* of the ſame day. This ſeemed to them *an extraordinary artifice and contrivance, a meer forgery, an idle ſcheme*, deſigned *to diſguiſe this affair, by turning it into ridicule*; and which might tend to leſſen the *contempt*, with which all perſons *ought to treat the Perſon of the Pretender, and his wicked accomplices*; who, being found to be falſely charged with writing a ſham Letter, may not, perhaps, meet with that abhorrence and deteſtation which they juſtly deſerve on the account of that Letter, which they did really ſend. It was therefore thought proper, in the firſt place, to exhibit true copies, both of the original Letter in French, and of the tranſlation of it in Engliſh, as publiſhed by the Author of the *Free Briton*. But ſince the French, as printed in the *Free Briton*, was ſcarcely intelligible *by reaſon of a feveriſh illneſs, under which the Author laboured on wednesday laſt*, it is here tranſcribed from *a perfect copy*, given by him in the *Whitehall Evening-Poſt* of ſaturday laſt: and for the greater eaſe of the reader, in comparing the French and the Engliſh together, to each ſentence in the former, the tranſlation in the latter is here ſubjoined.

Meſſieurs, *à Rome le 4me May*, 1732.

C'Eſt avec beaucoup de plaiſir que je profite d'une occaſion, qui s'eſt preſentée pour montrer mon eſtime, & mon affection pour la Nation Angloiſe, en contribuant à l'avantage de pluſieurs Particuliers de ce Royaume, & par conſequent à la ſatisfaction du Parlement, & de la Nation même.

Rome, the *4th of May*, } 1732.
Gentlemen, *23d of* April, }

'It is with much pleaſure, that *I* embrace an opportunity, which hath preſented itſelf, to ſhew *my* eſteem 'and *my* affection for the *Engliſh Nation*, in contributing to the advantage of many perſons of the ſaid Kingdom; and conſequently to the ſatisfaction of the Parliament, and of the Nation itſelf.

Comme les fraudes, qui ont eté commiſes dans l'Adminiſtration de la Compagnie Charitable, ont fait beaucoup de bruit par tout, On a eté icy *vivement touché des maux dont elles ont eté la cauſe*, & on *a ſenti l'intérêt que la Nation avoit d'y remedier, ce qui ne pouvoit être effectué qu'en ſe ſaiſiſſant de la perſonne, des papiers, des livres, & des effects du Sieur* Thompſon, *à quoy le Parlement n'avoit pas encore pu parvenir.* — 'As the frauds which 'have been commmitted in the management of the Charitable Corporation, have made much noiſe every where, 'we *have here* been touched in a lively manner with the 'evils which they have occaſioned; and *we are ſenſible* 'of the intereſt that the Nation hath in their remedy, 'which could not be effected, but by ſeizing of the perſon, the Papers, the books and effects of the Sieur *Thomſon*, to which the Parliament had not as yet been able to 'attain.

A cet effet comme on avoit eu avis, que le dit Thomſon *pourroit venir à* Rome *ſous un nom emprunté, on a pris les meſures neceſſaires, pour l'arrêter quand il y ſeroit arrivé, ce qui a été executé.* — 'To this purpoſe, as *We* 'had received advice, that the ſaid *Thomſon* might come 'to *Rome*, under a borrowed name, *we have taken* the 'neceſſary meaſures to arreſt him when he ſhould arrive, 'which hath been executed.

On s'eſt ſaiſi en même temps de ſes papiers, des lettres qu'il a reçu d'Angleterre depuis qu'il en etoit parti, des copies de lettres qu'il a ecrites à ſes confidens, & des notes de ſes affaires les plus ſecretes. — 'We *have ſeized* at the ſame 'time his Papers, the letters which he hath received from '*England* ſince his departure from thence, the copies of 'letters which he hath written to his correſpondents, and 'the *memorandums* of his moſt ſecret affairs.

Il eſt à preſent luy même dans le Château de St. Ange; & a été mis de cette façon dans une eſpece de neceſſité de decouvrir tout le miſtere de cette affaire; ce qu'il a fait amplement, en decouvrant non ſeulement les livres & les effets de la Compagnie, mais auſſi les ſiens propres. — 'He himſelf is at preſent in the *Caſtle of S. Angelo*; and by this means is at preſent under a kind of 'neceſſity to diſcover the whole myſtery of this affair, 'which he hath amply done, by diſcovering not only the 'Corporation's books and effects, but alſo his own.

Cela etant fait, on m'a chargé *de communiquer cette importante decouverte à qui & où il conviendroit pour le bien & l'avantage de la Nation.* — 'This having been 'done, *I have it in charge* to communicate this impor 'tant diſcovery to whom, and where, it may be proper 'for the good and advantage of the nation.

C'eſt pourquoy je depêche, *ſans delay, un Courier à un de mes correſpondens à* Paris, *avec tous les Papiers qui ont rapport à cette affaire, afin qu'il trouve les moyens de vous les faire remettre.* — 'Tis on this account that *I diſpatch* a Courier to one of my Correſpondents at *Paris*, 'with all the Papers which have relation to this affair; 'to the end that he may find the means of putting them 'into your hands.

Mais comme l'Equité exige *que les Proprietaires de la Compagnie Charitable (qui tireront un ſi grand avantage de cette decouverte) ſe prêtent à de certaines conditions, avant que les Papiers & les ecrits vous ſoient remis; j'ay ordonné à mon Correſpondent d'inſiſter que ces conditions ſoient préalablement accordées, & de regarder, en attendant, ces ecrits comme un ſimple depôt entre ſes mains, ſans les en laiſſer ſortir juſqu' à ce que cela ſoit fait; & Je ne doute point que cette precaution auſſi bien que les conditions ne paroiſſent juſtes & raiſonnables à tous ceux qui ſont intereſſez dans cette affaire.* — 'But as EQUITY *demands*, that 'the Proprietors of the Charitable Corporation (who will 'reap ſo great an advantage from this diſcovery) ſhould 'yield to certain conditions, before that the Papers and 'writings be delivered to you, I have ordered my cor 'reſpondent to *inſiſt*, that theſe conditions be previouſly 'agreed to: and in the mean time to look upon theſe 'writings *meerly as a pledge in his hands*, without ſuf 'fering them to paſs from him, untill this be done. 'And I doubt not, that this precaution, as well as the 'conditions, does appear juſt and reaſonable to all who are 'intereſted in this affair.

M'etant ainſi acquitté de ma Commiſſion *il ne me reſte qu' à vous prier d'être perſuadé de mon reſpect pour la Nation, & de l'envie que j'auray toujours de contribuer à ſon avantage. J'ay l'honneur d'être,*

Meſſieurs, Votres très humble, & très Obeiſſant ſerviteur,
JEAN ANGE BELLONI.

'Having thus *acquitted myſelf of my commiſſion*, nothing 'remains for me, but to intreat you to be perſuaded of my '*reſpect for the Nation*, and the *ambition which I ſhall* '*always have to contribute to its advantage.* I have the 'honour to be, Gentlemen,

'Your moſt humble, and moſt obedient ſervant,
'JOHN ANGELO BELLONI.

A Meſſieurs, Meſſieurs du Committé du Parlement d'Angleterre établi ſur les affaires de la Corporation Charitable; ou ſi le dit Committé ne ſubſiſte plus, à Meſſieurs le Chevalier Robert Sutton, *le Chevalier* Jean Shadwell, Walter Moleſworth, *Docteur* Jean Mowbray, *ou à quelqu'un d'eux, à Londres.*

'To the Gentlemen of the Committee of the Parlia 'ment of England, appointed for the affairs of the Cha 'ritable Corporation, or if the ſaid Committee does not 'ſubſiſt, to Sir *Robert Sutton*, Sir *John Shadwell*, *Wal 'ter Moleſworth*, Doctor *John Mowbray*, or to any one of 'them, at London.

Concerning the Particle *On*, and the tranſlation of it by *We*, the learned Mr. WALSINGHAM has added the follow ing obſervations. 'In the Tranſlation the Particle *On* '(which makes a great figure, and is a *Gentleman of no 'ſmall importance*, through the whole letter) is rendered 'in the *firſt perſon*, though equivocal, and though it may be 'uſed either in the *firſt*, or *third*, or for *people in general*. 'RICHELET's Dictionary, the Folio edition of 1728, 'hath this obſervation concerning this Particle, viz. On is 'uſed in a modern ſenſe in the firſt Perſon, *I*; for, in 'ſtead of ſaying, JE SONGERAI A VOS INTERETS, *I will 'take care of your intereſts*; I may very well ſay, in 'writing or ſpeaking familiarly, *On ſongera a vos interets, On aura ſoin de vous*; which, if not thus uſed for the '*firſt* perſon, would be underſtood in the *third*, or in a 'more general ſenſe, *Your intereſts will be taken care of.*" Pag. 2. Col 2. — 'I may remark upon this Tranſla 'tion, that the Letter is divided into *two parts*, the *firſt* 'of which runs in the Particle *On*, and is in the ſtyle of 'great authority; for which reaſon *On* hath been rendred 'in the *firſt perſon plural*, or the *ſtyle Royal*. The 'ſecond part uſes the Particle *Je*, or *I*, *the firſt perſon ſingular*, and is writ in the ſtyle and character of a *private 'Banker* at *Rome*. Pag. 3. Col. 1.'

Mr. SPONDEE ſtood up firſt, and ſaid, Mr. Preſident, This is the firſt Letter in which ON ever *made a great figure*, and appeared as *a Gentleman of no ſmall importance*. In all other places where I have ever ſeen him, which I have done above five thouſand times, he always ſeemed to be no more than a perſonal indeterminate Pronoun. As to his Family it is indeed very ancient, his name being derived from *Homme*, which by a corruption, to which all names are ſubject, has been changed into *On*. In ancient times the public Criers begun their proclamations by HOM *fait ſçavoir*, inſtead of ON *fait ſçavoir*. He afterwards gained the force of a collective noun, repreſenting ſeveral uncertain and indefinite perſons, either in the firſt or third perſon plural. I have often thought it very probable, that the Engliſh Phraſe in the ſingular number, *One cannot imagine*, and the like, were derived from the French *On ne peut imaginer*, &c. but however, this is certain, that the phraſes ſo much in vogue among my learned Brethren the News Writers, *They write*, *They adviſe*, and the HYP-ORATORICAL Phraſe, *We hear*, which appears conſtantly in the Daily Papers, are moſt properly tranſlated into French by *On*. So that it is certain, that the Particle *On* may be uſed for the *firſt* or the *third* perſon plural. — And it is as certain, that it may likewiſe be uſed for the *firſt perſon* ſingular; of which the authority of RICHELET, produced by my Brother WALSINGHAM, is a full proof. But then he has produced it in ſuch a manner, that it is juſtly to be ſuſpected, that he had it at ſecond hand from One who underſtood but little of the French Language. RICHELET's words are, ON *ſe met en un ſens nouveau pour la premiere perſonne* Je, &c. which is here falſly tranſlated, ON *is uſed in a modern ſenſe* IN *the firſt perſon* I, &c. inſtead of FOR *the firſt perſon*. And whereas Mr. WALSINGHAM ſays juſt before, that *it may be uſed, either* IN *the firſt or third*, &c. (which by the way ſhews this miſtake to be no error of the preſs) it is abſolutely falſe: for ON is never uſed *in* the *firſt* perſon, but is always joined to a verb of the *third* perſon ſingular. — But not to inſiſt any longer on this miſtake, I beg leave to obſerve, that when M. RICHELET affirms, that ON *is uſed for the firſt perſon* ſingular, he immediately adds this reſtriction, *in writing or ſpeaking familiarly*; and that Father BUFIER aſſerts, that it is never ſo uſed but *en riant*, or out of modeſty: all which, tho' conſiſtent enough with *the ſtyle and character of a private Banker*, are altogether inconſiſtent with *the ſtyle of great authority*. And therefore it is ſomething ſtrange, that in the Tranſlation, 'On hath been rendered in the *firſt Per* 'ſon Plural, or the *ſtyle Royal*': and ſtranger, that M. RICHELET's authority has been brought to ſupport it. He ſays, ON *is uſed for the firſt perſon ſingular*: the inference is, Therefore it is uſed for the firſt perſon plural, or the *ſtyle Royal*. — I allow indeed, that it is uſed for the firſt perſon plural, and may be tranſlated by *We*: but then this *We* muſt ſignify ſeveral uncertain and indefinite perſons, and never one certain perſon as in any authority. Marſhal TURENNE firſt introduced Monſieur ON at the French Court: where tho' this *Gentleman* was well received, yet the King never gave him any Commiſſion to repreſent his perſon. That was always done by Monſieur *Nous*, as the King here in England is by Mr. WE: and I challenge my learned Brother WALSINGHAM to produce one inſtance, where Monſieur ON ever appeared *as the ſtyle of great* authority, and declaring the Royal Pleaſure of the Grand Monarch.

[*To be continued.*]

Gentlemen,

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